

February 16, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 24, 1999

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of January 20, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve January 20, 1999 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7A. <u>Requested Changes to the 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program</u> ADOT has requested six changes to the FY 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program. These changes are related to the annual update of costs for the freeway program. Updated costs for the	7A. For information, discussion and approval of the requested changes to the 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program.
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remainder of the program are provided in the ADOT Tentative Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for the MAG Regional Freeway Program. The first two requests are for Aqua Fria Corridor projects. The construction cost for the Encanto Boulevard to Camelback section have been increased by \$2.468 million to incorporate unit cost changes and added drainage improvements. The second request is to create a Utility Construction project for the same segment to provide \$6.82 million to ensure that SRP water delivery systems function. The next two projects are in the Santan Corridor and involve the construction of the necessary drainage systems and the relocation of utilities. The cost change to the program is \$2.721 million and \$4.0 million, respectively. The fifth request is for additional \$1.0 million of funding for utility construction in the Pima Corridor. The last request is to increase the funds for design change orders by \$750,000 to a total of \$3.25 million. According to ADOT, the added money is needed due to additional environmental documentation and roadway design. MAG recommends that the requested changes be approved. All of the requested changes have been incorporated in the cash flow analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway Program. The Management Committee recommended approval of the requested changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*7B. ADOT Tentative Life Cycle Program for Regional Freeway Program

Each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation prepares the Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Freeway Program and releases it for public review and comment. The Program provides the detailed plan for the design and construction of the MAG Freeway Plan for the period 2000 through 2006 given available resources. In addition, ADOT prepares the Long Range Plan which includes MAG Regional Freeway Projects after 2006. Both the Tentative Life Cycle Program and the Long Range Plan incorporate revised revenue and cost information and engineering adjustments to project scopes and schedules to reflect the latest information. Both the Tentative Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan incorporate MAG adopted priorities. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Tentative Life Cycle Program

7B. For information, discussion and acceptance of the ADOT 2000-2006 Tentative Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for the MAG Freeway System for public review and comment.

and Long Range Plan for the MAG Freeway System for public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. City of Phoenix Proposal to Accelerate the West Half of the Traffic Interchange at the Junction of I-10, Santan and South Mountain Corridors

The City of Phoenix proposes to advance the completion of the west half of the Traffic Interchange at the Junction of I-10, Santan and South Mountain Corridors to June 2001. This project is scheduled to be completed in December of 2005 under the current program. The proposed plan to complete the MAG Regional Freeway System by 2007 (2007 Plan), shows that the project would be completed by December of 2004. Under this proposal, Phoenix would lend the Program the necessary funds to advance right of way, design and construction to meet the June 2001 completion date. Phoenix would pay a portion of the interest expense of the GAN based on the MAG Loan Policy and Guidelines. MAG has reviewed the proposal and compared it with the adopted MAG Loan Policy and Guidelines and find the proposal in conformance with the adopted guidelines. The Management Committee recommended approval of the proposal. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. City of Mesa Proposal to Accelerate the Gilbert Road to Higley Road Segment of the Red Mountain Freeway

The City of Mesa proposes to advance the completion of the Gilbert Road to Higley segment of the Red Mountain Freeway to May 2003. This project is scheduled to be completed in May of 2005 under the current program (Current Plan). The proposed plan to complete the MAG Regional Freeway System by 2007 (2007 Plan), shows that the project would be completed by May of 2004. With the current plan, Mesa would lend the Program the necessary funds to advance right-of-way, design and construction by 24 months to meet the May 2003 completion date. MAG has reviewed the proposal and compared it with the adopted Loan Policy and Guidelines and find the proposal in conformance with the adopted guidelines. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Mesa proposal. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion approval of the Phoenix proposal to advance the completion of the west half of the Traffic Interchange at the Junction of I-10, Santan and South Mountain Corridors to June 2001 contingent upon a finding of conformity.

9. For information, discussion and approval of the Mesa proposal to advance the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Gilbert Road to Higley Road to May 2003 contingent upon a finding of conformity.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*10. Consultation on Processes for the 1999 Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state and local air quality and transportation agencies on processes proposed for the conformity analysis on the transportation program and plan. These processes include: the selection of modeling methods, the identification of exempt projects, ensuring the expeditious implementation of transportation control measures, and the identification of projects which require PM₁₀ hotspot analysis. MAG is therefore distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied in the upcoming conformity analysis of the MAG Fiscal Year 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP). Comments are due February 24, 1999. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For information, discussion and consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*11. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Wickenburg School District Wetland

Maricopa County has requested that MAG review the proposed wastewater treatment facility for the Wickenburg School District through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Small Plant Process is designed to allow new wastewater reclamation plants which are two million gallons per day or less in capacity to be reviewed and approved as part of the 208 Plan. The capacity of the proposed constructed wetlands is 0.0166 million gallon per day (mgd). The facility is within three miles of the Town of Wickenburg and the Town has indicated that they do not object to the proposed facility. However, the Town indicated that if the property is annexed into the corporate limits, the Wickenburg Unified High School District would be responsible for any cost to connect the school to the Town sewer system should the wetland treatment method fail or otherwise be problematic. On January 19, 1999, the Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Wickenburg School District Wetland as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management

11. For information, discussion and approval of the proposed Wickenburg School District Wetland as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

Plan. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Water Quality Advisory Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*12. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility

The City of Phoenix has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the existing Cave Creek Water Reclamation Plant and a discharge from the facility to a tributary wash of Cave Creek. The proposed expansion is for an ultimate capacity of 32 million gallons per day at build out (2015). Treated wastewater will be disposed of through reuse for turf irrigation and discharged to the Cave Butte Dam Flood Pool via a tributary wash of Cave Creek. Property of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County is immediately downstream of the proposed pipeline outfall and several issues will require resolution by the City of Phoenix. At this time, the District has no objection to the conceptual design of the pipeline discharge. On January 6, 1999, the Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. There were no public comments provided on this facility. On January 19, 1999, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the facility. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Water Quality Advisory Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*13. Financial Management Software Selection

In May 1998, the Regional Council approved the FY 1999 Unified Planning Work Program which included acquiring and implementing a financial management software package at an estimated cost of \$35,000. Over the past six months, the MAG staff has conducted a search and reviewed several financial management software packages. The process involved a survey of 32 councils of governments and a Request For Information (RFI) to 53 software vendors. In addition, feedback was received from more than 60 council of governments finance directors on the software used by these agencies. Two separate Requests For Proposals (RFP) were issued. A software

12. For information, discussion and approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix Cave Creek Water Reclamation Plant.

13. For information, discussion and approval to select the financial management software Protrax, through CreativeWare Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

review committee consisting of representatives of MAG staff, and representatives of the Pima Association of Governments and the Regional Public Transportation Authority participated in evaluating the vendor demonstrations. MAG is recommending the purchase of Protrax software, developed by Axiom Corporation, through CreativeWare Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*14. Recommendation to Support Uniformity in the Adoption of Uniform Building Codes

The MAG Building Codes Committee was established in 1968 to encourage and promote uniformity in the interpretation and enforcement of building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes adopted by its members. On November 18, 1998, the MAG Building Codes Committee recommended adopting the 1997 Uniform Building Code, the 1997 ICBO Mechanical Code, and the 1996 National Electrical Code. At a December 15, 1998 MAG Valley Building Codes Stakeholders Meeting, elected officials and building industry representatives emphasized the need for their input in the development of uniform building codes. On December 16, 1998, the MAG Building Codes Committee recommended that member agencies set July 1, 1999 as a target for adopting the 1997 Uniform Building Code, 1997 ICBO Uniform Mechanical Code, and the 1996 NEC Amendments Building Codes. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. In January, the Regional Council discussed this issue and directed that it be placed on the February agenda for consideration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. For information, discussion and approval to support uniformity in building codes by adopting the Uniform Building Code, 1997 Edition Volumes I, II and III, the ICBO Uniform Mechanical Code 1997 edition, and the National Electric Code, 1996, with a target date for adoption by July 1, 1999.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

15. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Management Committee.

15. For information and discussion.

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

16. MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit Annual Report

Each year, MAG produces a report that reviews the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System, as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program, has been in balance with available revenues and construction schedules have been met.

16. For information and discussion.

17. Summary of Public Comments

On February 23, 1999, a public hearing will be held on transportation issues, including the Annual Report of the MAG Freeway & Expressway Program. This hearing will be conducted by a panel, representing board members from the MAG Regional Council, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the State Transportation Board, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. A summary of the comments made at the hearing will be presented.

17. For information.

STUDY SESSION ITEM

18. Proposed Accelerations and Improvements to the MAG Freeway System and State Highway System

In December, a map was provided to the Regional Council which proposed accelerating the completion of the MAG Freeway Program from 2014 to 2007. Staff has worked in cooperation with the ADOT staff on revenue and financing assumptions. Also construction and right-of-way costs have been reviewed. In addition, other improvements to the MAG Freeway System and State Highway System are being proposed. These accelerations and improvements will be discussed at the February Regional Council meeting. In March, the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving these accelerations and improvements for an air quality conformity analysis.

18. For information and discussion.